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TO AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

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TAGS: OGEN, CZ, MILI

SUBJECT: OPRED: DAO STAFFING IN PRAGUE

1. IN LETTER DATED MARCH 15, 1973, DIRECTOR DIA, REPLIED  
TO THE DEPARTMENT' S MEMORANDUM OF JANUARY 9, 1973 RECOMMEN-  
DING THE REDUCTION OF TWO POSITIONS IN THE DAO, PRAGUE.

2. DIA' S JUSTIFICATION FOR RETAINING THESE TWO POSITIONS  
IS REITERATED AS FOLLOWS:

" FROM A DEFENSE VIEWPOINT, CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS A PRIORITY  
1 AREA WITH BOTH SOVIET AND CZECH TROOPS PRESENT.  
THE CURRENT DAO MANNING IS AT A MINIMUM TO ACCOMPLISH  
THE EXISTING MISSION. THE DAO WILL BE OF INCREASING  
IMPORTANCE WITH THE ADDED VERIFICATION AND MONITORING  
RESPONSIBILITIES RESULTING FROM MBFR".

" THE DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE CZECHOSLOVAKIA SHOULD BE  
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MANNED TO EXPLOIT TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES TO A MAXIMUM TO ASSURE THAT THE SITUATION IN ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY IS MONITORED. MUCH OF THE ATTACHE WORKLOAD IN PRAGUE IS CONNECTED WITH EXCHANGES OF RAW INTELLIGENCE WITH COOPERATING NATO COUNTERPARTS. IT IS OUR JUDGMENT THAT TWO OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED WITH TWO ENLISTED MEN AND TWO CIVILIAN SECRETARIES IN SUPPORT. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION THE FRENCH ATTACHE COMPLEMENT IN PRAGUE CONSISTS OF A DEFENSE ATTACHE, WHO ALSO SERVES AS ARMY ATTACHE; TWO ASSISTANT ATTACHES (ONE ARMY AND ONE AIR FORCE); AN ARMY LANGUAGE STUDENT CARRIED AS AN ASSISTANT; AND TWO ENLISTED MEN CARRYING DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS WHO PARTICIPATE IN COLLECTION TRIPS. THE CIVILIAN COMPLEMENT OF THE FRENCH ATTACHE OFFICE IS UNKNOWN".

" I CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL THAT OUR CURRENT AUTHORIZED DAO MANNING BE RETAINED IN PRAGUE."

3. IN VIEW OF DIA INSISTENCE ON RETAINING DAO SLOTS, OPRED PRECEDURES FOR SETTLING DISPUTES OVER THE PROPOSED ELIMINATION OF POSITIONS IN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS MUST BE FOLLOWED. THESE REQUIRE THAT EMBASSY REVIEW DIA ARGUMENTS AS SET FORTH ABOVE AND RESTATE ITS POSITION ON THE ELIMINATION OF SLOTS. ( FYI: IF AFTER THIS STEP DIA CONTINUES TO CONTEST PROPOSED REDUCTION, FORMAL INTER-AGENCY ADJUDICATION PROCEDURE WILL BE STARTED.)

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